Title: Need to open a telephone exchange in Tumkur district of Karnataka.

SHRI S. MALLIKARJUNIAH (TUMKUR): Sir, in Tumkur district of Karnataka, the telephones in rural parts and particularly in Tiptur, Halapalya and Gubbi towns, a portion of regulated market in Kyatasandra and Tumkur areas are in a bad state of affairs in rendering good services. The services are in a very bad state. There is a demand for opening of telephone exchanges in most of the rural areas, such as, Panchayat headquarters and important business centres and connections should be given in Tumkur parliamentary constituency.

I urge upon the Government to look into the matter.